



NEWS RELEASE

Today's Date: Monday, June 17, 2013

District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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UPDATE

NORTHBOUND OFF-RAMP CLOSURE BEGINS TONIGHT ON U.S. HIGHWAY 101 AT THE STATE ROUTE 58 INTERCHANGE IN SANTA MARGARITA

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY -- The Atascadero pavement rehabilitation project continues this week with an off-ramp closure in the following location:

- The **northbound Highway 101 off-ramp at State Route 58** in Santa Margarita will be closed continuously for 3-4 days this week beginning **Monday night, June 17 at 7 pm** for paving and ramp reconstruction (see map below). This roadwork will occur 24/7. Bicyclists going northbound on Hwy. 101 will detour through an open fence onto the frontage road to access Hwy. 58.
- The **northbound Hwy. 101 on-ramp at State Route 58** in Santa Margarita was reopened yesterday after being closed 24/7 on Sunday, June 9.
- The closure of the southbound Hwy. 101 on/off-ramps at Hwy. 58 will occur later this summer, after the Mid-State Fair. Bicyclists will not be allowed access to these ramps during construction, each which is expected to last about ten days. .

Motorists heading northbound are advised to use Santa Barbara Road and El Camino Real as an alternate route during the off-ramp closure this week. The Hwy. 58 Park and Ride Lot near 101 will remain open during these closures. **All businesses in Santa Margarita are open.**





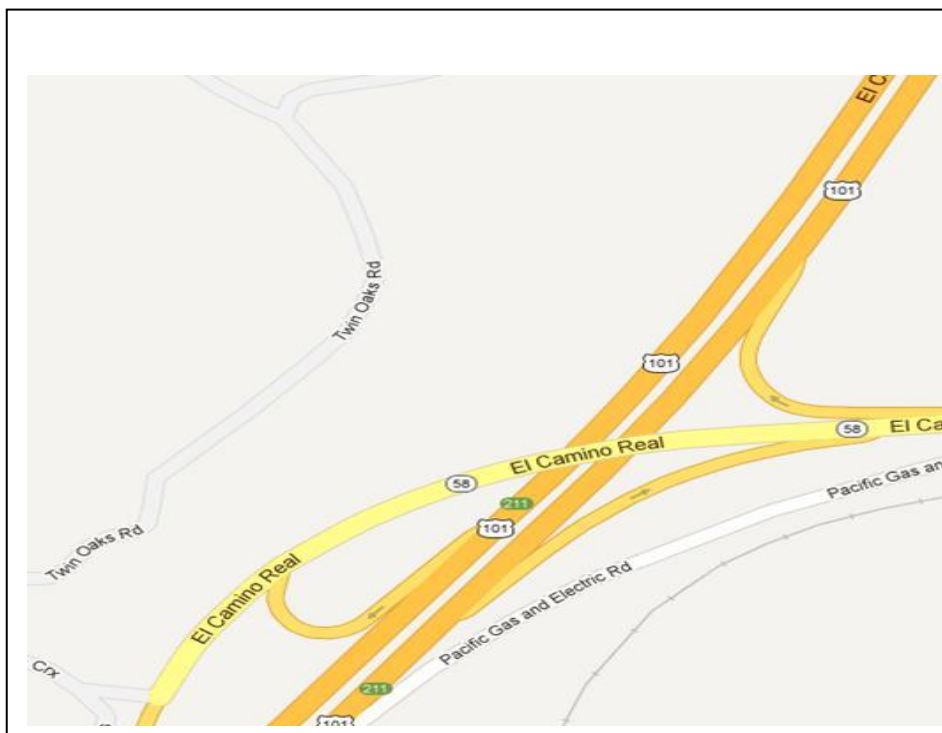
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This roadwork is part of the Atascadero Rehabilitation project which includes the re-paving of 11 miles of Hwy. 101 from the top of Cuesta Grade to Traffic Way.

The contractor for this \$33 million project is Papich Construction of Pismo Beach, CA. This project is now 85% complete with completion expected this fall.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm.



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